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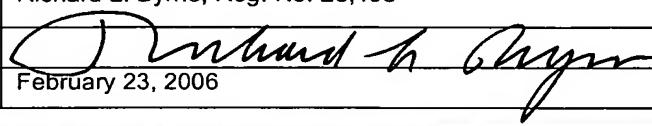
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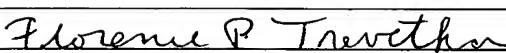
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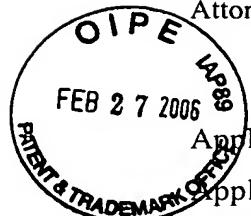
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This application is the U.S. national phase of International Application No. PCT/EP03/06176, filed June 12, 2003, which claims priority to Austrian Application No. AT903/2002, filed June 14, 2002.

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The following references were cited in an International Search Report (ISR) dated October 14, 2003 in connection with the corresponding PCT Application:

- U.S. Patent No. 4,430,380 to Hönel et al.;
- U.S. Patent No. 6,017,675 to Dietliker et al.;
- U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2001/0036591 to Schulz et al.;
- International Publication No. WO 02/46507; and
- Publication entitled "Novel Photoacid Generators", 8 pgs.

Copies of the ISR and the International Preliminary Examination Report (IPER) are enclosed herewith. In the IPER, the International Preliminary Examination Authority has indicated that claims 1-10 are novel, have an inventive step and have industrial applicability. As the claims of the present application are nearly identical to the PCT claims, it is believed that the presently claimed invention is patentable over the prior art cited in the ISR.

The following references were cited in an Austrian Office Action and Search Report dated September 12, 2005 in connection with the priority Austrian Application:

- U.S. Patent No. 3,732,273 to Heine et al. is cited as an equivalent to DE 19 19 678;
- U.S. Patent No. 4,469,832 to Singer et al.;
- U.S. Patent No. 4,477,618 to Singer et al.;
- U.S. Patent No. 4,880,662 to Habrich et al. is cited as an equivalent to DE 37 02 999;
- U.S. Patent No. 5,236,472 to Kirk et al.;
- U.S. Patent No. 5,376,504 to Graziano et al. is cited as an equivalent to DE 690 2 9 978; and
- EP 0 500 369.

A copy of the Austrian Search Report and Office Action is enclosed herewith. Further, the following references are discussed on page 1 of the present specification:

- U.S. Patent No. 6,306,555 is cited as an equivalent to DE 10 06 3066;
- DE 19 51 5277 (English-language abstract enclosed);
- DE 24 22 803 (English-language abstract enclosed);
- EP 0 093 965 (English-language abstract enclosed);
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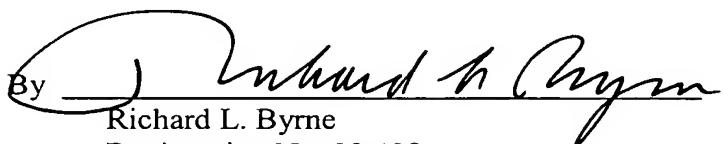
Additionally, the following references are relevant prior art known to the inventors of the present application:

- U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2004/0053158;
- U.S. Patent No. 4,970,399;
- U.S. Patent No. 5,047,568;
- U.S. Patent No. 5,916,999;
- U.S. Patent No. 6,703,182;
- CA 2,328,819;
- EP 0 369 194;
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